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Greetings,I am Josh York an Information Technology professional and I have followed this case from the beginning.

The Monopoly that Microsoft maintains over the Personal Computer Desktop Operating System market must be stopped. Allowing them to extend their monopoly to our children is downright absurd! Giving Microsoft a foot in the door of our education systems is appalling do not want my children to grow up and know nothing but Microsoft...allowing them to pump our schools full of their Monopoly-ware will provide them with an Army of young adults who only use Microsoft products.

Any remedy seeking to prevent an extension of Microsoft's monopoly must place Microsoft products as extra-cost options in the purchase of new computers, so that the user who does not wish to purchase them is not forced to do so. Only then could competition come to exist in a meaningful way. Microsoft must not be allowed to offer benefits to companies for selling their software preinstalled. This FORCES customers to pay high prices for Microsoft's monopoly-ware, ensuring the nourishment of the software giant. Computer companies have paid Microsoft large sums of money for every computer sold for far too long,\*this is because computer companies have no real alternative.\* This MUST stop. And this is the only way it will happen, Microsoft enforces this policy with monopolist aggression.

Any Microsoft networking protocols must be published in full and approved by an independent network protocol body. This would prevent Microsoft from seizing control of the Internet. Microsoft is notorious for using a VERY monopolistic and unfair business practice to drive competition out of markets: Protocol switching. Open standards drive the internet and all Technology. Microsoft wishes to use their own trademarked protocols to monopolize markets they cannot dominate using Fair . For inbusiness practices stance: Microsoft Windows 3-windows XP use the SMB protocol for file and printer sharing, This protocol is being utilized by Red Hat Linux, Novells' NetWare, Sun Microsystems' Solaris, and other Operating systems to interface with Microsoft software. Studies show that Red Hat Linux, Using the SMB protocol, can OUTPERFORM Microsoft's OWN servers, using SMB to provide files and printers to Microsoft's clients. Microsoft sees a threat in these companies ability to provide services to their clients so they try to are seeking to disable their ability to do so by rejecting the standards.

I also propose that Microsoft's Operating System and Applications divisions be Separated,not into two, but into MANY companies.

Here is a list of proposed split results:

Microsoft Windows OS. (Win 95,98,Me,XP,Windows 2000 Pro,NT Workstation.)

Microsoft Office/Visual Studio/Internet Explorer/Other Development.

MSN /MSN messenger/Hotmail

Windows Embedded/MS compact edition

Microsoft Entertainment/ MS-Media player/MS-Xbox/MS gaming Zone.

Microsoft Server OS.(Exchange-Server,Microsoft Data Center,Internet Security and Acceleration Server, .Net server,2000 Server,Win NT server,SQL server,IIS server,Back office,Sharepoint server,Biztalk,)

Having separate Desktop and Server OSES would force Microsoft to adhere to Open standards.

Splitting Office and Development suites from the main distribution could lead to the Development of Office for Unixes (Linux,Sun Microsystems' solaris ect..),as well as lead to better development tools for other platforms.

Splitting the Embedded division would help enforce the use of open standards, many companies believe that PDAs and Pocket-PC's are to play a big role in Microsofts' future, and aid in their monopoly of Software.

Creating a Microsoft Entertainment company will help keep Microsoft from using things like Hotmail and Passport to force their customers to use their Email or Internet service providers (ISP).

The separation of the ISP and messenger would keep Microsoft from using their OS monopoly to put companies like AOL out of business.Currently Windows XP only ships with Microsofts ISP connectivity and Messenger software,this is a very blatant monopolistic practice.

That is all,Thanks

-Josh York.

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